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This is the building where Moss Hill Baptist Mission meets, the sign says. The trailer is one of several owned by the State Convention Board, loaned to missions. The state only has 19 missions now.

## Church planter does on the job training

By Tim Nicholas

Baptists in Union County planted a little mission earlier this year and now they've planted a church planter to help it grow.

David Allen, 26, is a missionary at the Home Mission Board, employed as pastor of Moss Hill Baptist Mission in New Albany. Funds come from churches in the association, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and the HMB.

Allen, who grew up in Holly Springs and Louisville, is a Church Planter Apprentice. And it's on the job training. The mission operates the full program of activities, though members haven't yet begun eating there on Wednesday nights regularly. But 60 showed up for a covered dish supper recently.

The mission meets in one of the double-wide mobile trailers owned by the convention board, and sits on two acres of land bought by the association and is by an old house where Allen, who is single, lives.

The late Guy Culver, when he was director of missions for Union County, worked toward beginning a Baptist mission in that part of the county. And when Marvin Cox took over the job, he took the missions committee in the fall of 1980 around northwest Union County, looking at holes in the map where there were no Baptist churches.

The committee hit on the area where the mission ended up, on "oldest" Highway 78, a mile south of Pumpkin Center, near the fairgrounds. The associational Brotherhood surveyed the

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## "Biloxi Three" join 21 Texans teaching discipleship in Brazil

Three in the Air Force, stationed at Keesler AFB, recently took part in a mission trip to Brazil, along with 21 Texans, mostly from First Baptist Church, Dallas.

The "Biloxi Three" as they were called, were Gary Kendall from Dallas, a sergeant, Toni Tucker, from N. J., a first lieutenant, and Eunetta Rucker, from Pittsburgh, Penn., a staff sergeant. Kendall's father, Doug Kendall, a former missionary to Indonesia and Africa, led the mission tour. This was his third mission project in Brazil.

The trip was in cooperation with the Texas Baptist Convention's partnership with the Brazilian Baptist Convention. The purpose was to hold a one-week Discipleship Seminar for the people in five Baptist churches in Anapolis, Central Brazil, about 80 miles from Brasilia.

Nightly, after time for preaching and singing, four teaching groups

were held. Participants rotated, to hear about a different subject each night. The seminar theme was "Growing in Christ." Topics covered were growing in Christ through Bible study, prayer, victory over sin, trials and adversities, quiet time, giving, sharing with others, praise and worship, home fellowship groups, and personal discipleship.

In Anapolis for nine days, the mission team also visited door to door, witnessing and inviting people to church. People they saw ranged from well off to very poor. Gary Kendall, of Biloxi, reported, "Many people became Christians, and many made rededications of life. Many Christians who had been discouraged prior to our arrival said they were greatly encouraged by our coming there. Our tour guide from Anapolis to Brasilia became a Christian on the 80-mile return trip. When the bus stopped, the driver was witnessed to, and he became a

Christian. Back in Rio, our other tour guide became a Christian five minutes before we got to the airport to leave the country."

On their last night in Brazil, the group went sightseeing in Rio. Sgt. Kendall relates an experience they had:

"Several of our team members were walking on the beach when they came on a lady very sad looking, sitting on a bench. This lady spoke only Portuguese, but it just happened that one of the team members there that night spoke Portuguese. As they talked to the lady, they found out that she was very bitter because her daughter had died of cancer.

"Steve Willingham was also walking with that group. His daughter had recently gone through a long fight with cancer, of which she was cured, so he could understand and minister to the needs of this woman. She listened and

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first one year term as president. He is eligible for a second one-year term.

The two mission board presidents are Keith Parks and William Tanner. Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, based in Richmond, Va., will be the closing speaker for the convention Wednesday morning, Nov. 10. Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board, will speak during the afternoon session, Nov. 9.

Bible study leader for each of the six convention sessions, will be Brian Harbour, a former pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson. He is now pastor of First Church, Pensacola, Fla.

Other major speakers include Harold Bennett, James Yates, Jim Keith, and Earl Kelly. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, will speak Tuesday morning.

Yates will deliver the presidential message, Monday afternoon; Keith, pastor of First Church, Gulfport, will present the annual sermon Tuesday evening; and Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will lead a session concerned with state missions Monday evening. Kelly's presentation will include a report on Mississippi Baptists' activities in Partnership Missions with California and the South American countries of Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina.

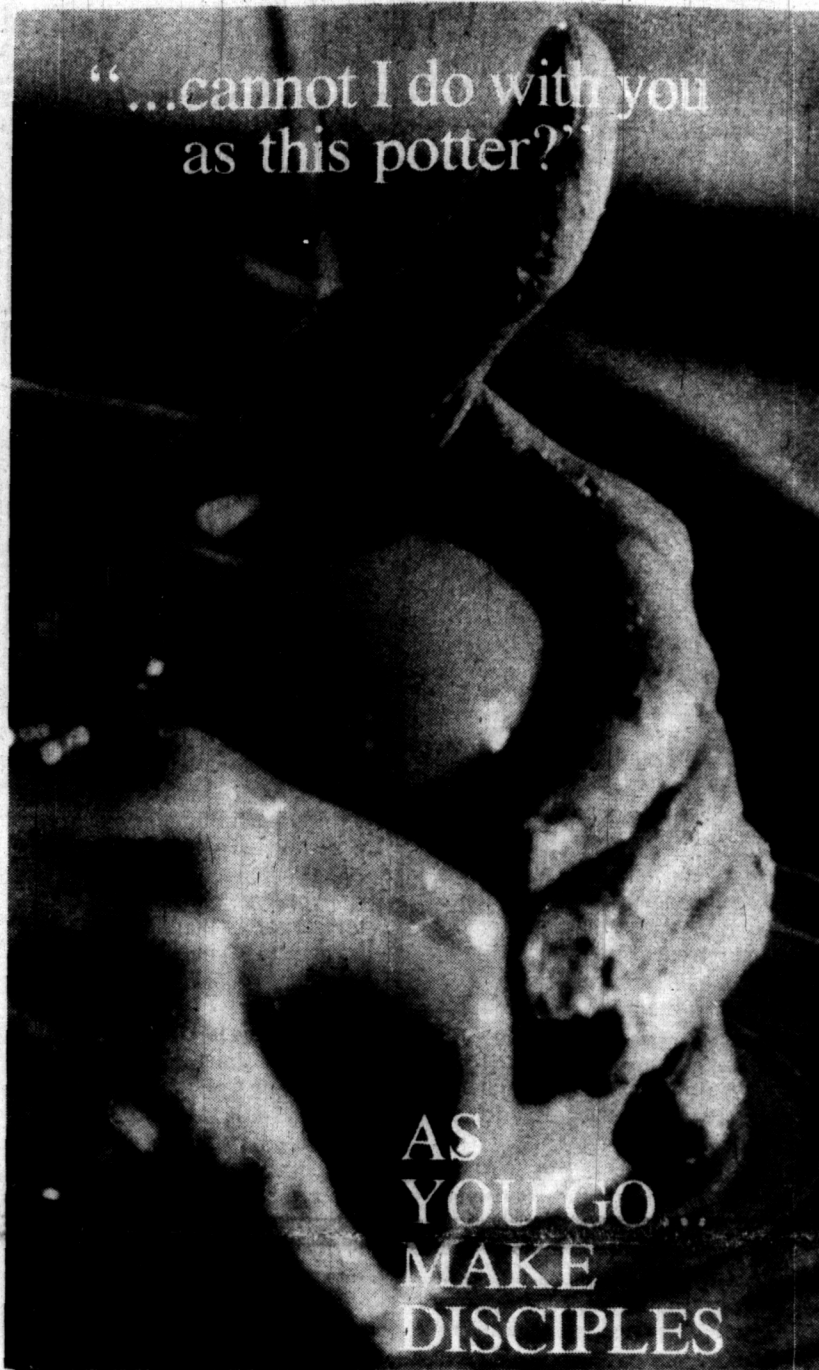
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## HMB appoints state couples

Two couples with Mississippi roots were appointed recently by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, one named missionary associate, the other an upgrade to full missionary status. James and Jessie Perry were appointed missionary associates to New York where he has become director of missions for the Adirondack Baptist Association.

Perry, a Florida native, is a graduate of William Carey College and attended Southern Seminary in Kentucky. He was pastor of First Church, Sanford, Miss., 1967-70 and was pastor of churches in Florida, Alabama, and New York. He is a former director of

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Messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention will each receive a copy of the convention program, the cover of which, is shown here.

## Together Baptists, Jews hash out some conflicts

LITTLE SWITZERLAND, N. C. (BP)—"Christians shouldn't stop missionizing, but Christians should stop missionizing Jews," said Rabbi Leon Klenicki, co-director of inter-religious affairs for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith during one of a series of Baptist-Jewish academic dialogues.

Klenicki was the opening speaker in the four-day meeting at Wildacres Retreat, a Jewish-owned center located about 30 miles northeast of Asheville in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains.

The New York rabbi stressed the mutual responsibility of Jews and Christians for missions, saying "we have to missionize together" in true sense to God's covenant with Noah charging the faithful with bringing God to the world, adding the best technique of mission for both Jews and Christians is to "live in God."

From beginning to end of the dialogue, Jews affirmed Christians as having a part in God's covenant and

helping fulfill the mission of God's people.

B. Elmo Scoggin, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., the major Baptist speaker at the dialogue, said the issue of mission and witness is vital because of the command to evangelize the world.

Luther Copeland, senior professor of missions and world religions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., added that, without harshness or any implication of superiority, he feels he must present his witness of God's activity in Christ to his Jewish friends.

Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman of Washington Hebrew Congregation agreed Jews and Christians have the same essential mission—to study and declare their faith to the world and to develop a righteous community that makes faith believable.

Haberman, the major Jewish

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## For this missionary couple lifestyle goes with message

By Norman Jameson

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—MaryDean Phillips' hardest times as a missionary to Zambia weren't when she was working in the bush station, doing without or in danger during civil unrest.

She suffered most when she learned Christian friends she depended on for prayer support were more concerned with biblical inerrancy and politics than with missions.

MaryDean and her husband Bill are Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's first missionaries-in-residence. "Our prayer is that because we've been here, many more people might respond to missions," said MaryDean. "Bill and I are convinced God is calling many more to foreign missions than are finding their way there."

"If, for example, Southern Baptists have the potential to win 100 people in an hour to Christ, how many people are left unsaved when we spend 45 minutes of that hour arguing about doctrine?" she asked.

Phillips tells of a Zambian bush church to which he traveled every two or three months to baptize 10 to 20 persons won to faith in Christ by church members.

Then, personalities embroiled the church in a conflict which consumed all its energies. When Phillips returned there were no baptismal candidates.

He worked, to resolve the conflict and when he came again he baptized 18.

Southern Baptists concentrating on personalities and doctrine may be just as distracted "if we begin to emphasize anything that's not our main reason for existing," Phillips said.

Still the Phillipses have been encouraged about mission interest since their return to the States. They find church members eager to learn how the Cooperative Program supports missions as well. "We're generally encouraged, but it's a little discouraging to know the needs around the world and see us (Southern Baptists) using our time for other things," said MaryDean.

Losing touch with friends in the States leads to heartaches upon returning. Phillips was moved to tears remembering times he lifted U.S. pastors' examples of virtue to Zambian pastors struggling with culturally accepted infidelity—only to learn friends who left the ministry and of families shattered by divorce.

"Zambians understand more who you are than what you say," said Phillips. "It's necessary to have a lifestyle that goes with the message."

The Phillipses resolved lifestyle issues soon after arriving in Zambia in 1978. Seeing Zambians uncomfortable in their home the Phillipses gradually replaced their decorative furnishings with utilitarian local items.

When they noticed friends walking around the patch of carpet rather than across it to take a seat on the sofa they removed the carpet.

Like women in America, MaryDean was conscious of what she wore to church from one Sunday to the next. Unlike them she remembered so she could wear the same dress again, enabling Zambian women who only had one dress not to be self-conscious.

The Phillipses said their lifestyle consciousness dawned gradually. While they urge everyone to be aware of the consequences of their lifestyle on others, they said their only advice would be to do as God leads.

"People in America are crying for somebody after whom they can pattern their lives," Phillips said. He would like those models to be Christians who are visible stewards of God's material resources.

As a general evangelist in Zambia for three and a half years, Phillips saw the number of rural churches in his area double from 17 to 34. He participated in more than 1,600 baptisms—results of national church evangelism, he said.

"The people are eager to grow and worship together and mature in their Christian faith in Zambia," said MaryDean, who traveled with Phillips and stayed with him in the back of a truck he had converted to a camper.

The closest Baptist mission station to the Phillipses was 100 miles. Their own town of 35,000 had one grocery store and three gas stations where fuel was nearly \$4 a gallon.

Caterpillars and field mice, sold in the local market, complemented a steady diet of cornmeal mush. Food grown locally was reasonably priced but a refrigerator could cost \$3,000.

Electricity was fairly dependable except when an elephant knocked down a power pole on a nearby game reserve. (Jameson writes for SWBTS.)



Bill and MaryDean Phillips, Southwestern Baptist Seminary's first missionaries-in-residence, adopted a lifestyle in Zambia that enabled them to put their Zambian friends at ease. They urge everyone to consider the consequences of their lifestyle on others. (Southwestern Seminary photo by David Bell)



# Brotherhood Commission plans scripture distribution

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—Directors of the Brotherhood Commission, meeting for their semi-annual conference, agreed to personally underwrite the cost of scripture distribution efforts in Pittsburgh this summer, put into motion the implementation of a Fellowship of Baptist Men, and elected 1982-83 officers.

The scripture distribution project is part of a saturation evangelism campaign planned for 40 sites in the Pittsburgh area the week prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, scheduled June 14-16. The scripture portions would be given out by volunteers going house to house witnessing and inviting people to evangelistic rallies.

Brotherhood Commission Executive Director James Smith whose title was changed to president reported the commission has pledged to enlist 1,600 volunteers to help with the evangelism project. Enlistment of volunteers will be coordinated by Baptist Men's director Douglas Beggs and state Brotherhood leaders.

Recommendations on implementing the Fellowship of Baptist Men came to the commission from a lay advisory committee formed to seek ways to involve more laymen in Southern Baptist Convention activities.

The commission voted to form the fellowship as a part of the Brotherhood Commission. Initial officers of the fellowship—president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer—will be elected by the Brotherhood Commission at its April 1983, meeting. Future officers will be elected by the fellowship.

## Honduran RAs meet

More than 200 boys and counselors taxed the facilities of Lake Yojoa Baptist Encampment Sept. 17-19, during a Royal Ambassador camp. Attendance surpassed the 120 anticipated for the weekend retreat.

Under the direction of Marant Porras, a layman from Tegucigalpa, the encampment was sponsored by the Honduran Woman's Missionary Union, of which Mrs. Joyce Harms, Southern Baptist missionary, is president.

With the exception of two Southern Baptist missionaries, the counselors and program personnel were Honduran laymen and pastors. Ralph Wilson served as counselor for a group of 10 boys from Choluteca, and Stanley Stamps, a Mississippian, recently re-assigned to Honduras from Nicaragua, led the singing and one study period.

Although currently promoted by the Woman's Department, of the Honduran convention, the Royal Ambassadors will probably pass to the newly developing Baptist Men's department in 1983.

Christ is not valued at all unless he is valued above all.—Walt Suran

The commission also approved the formation of a lay speaker's bureau. The bureau, which will be compiled at the Brotherhood Commission, will identify outstanding lay speakers who could speak on a variety of subjects at conventions and other Southern Baptist meetings.

Suggestions for speakers would come from the lay advisory committee, state Brotherhood personnel, and Brotherhood Commission staff.

The Brotherhood directors elected James Garner, a layman from

Blytheville, Ark., as 1982-83 chairman, Carl Voda, a layman from Alexandria, La., as vice chairman and Fred Harris, a layman from Hatch, N. M., as recording secretary.

The directors also approved an amendment to the commission's bylaws calling for election of 10 at-large members based on state Brotherhood enrollment, heard a report that the completion of the Glendon McCullough Conference Center is expected this fall and reviewed annual reports from the commission's three divisions.

## Draper lashes out at "spectatoritis"

By Mike Davis  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptist President James T. Draper Jr., speaking to directors of the Brotherhood Commission, lashed out at complacency in Southern Baptist churches and warned that Bold Mission Thrust will fail unless the convention regains a zeal for evangelism.

"At the rate we're winning people to Christ today," Draper predicted, "it would take 9,000 years to win the current population of the world."

"Bold Mission is a farce," he continued, "unless we once again become a people who are zealous for the gospel, who are zealous for evangelism."

Draper outlined for the Brotherhood Commission directors and staff during the commission's semi-annual meeting in Memphis what he considers the four most pressing crises facing the Southern Baptist Convention.

He labeled a lack of concern for lost people as the greatest crisis.

"While we're debating everything else as Southern Baptists, we need to get back to a basic concern that people be introduced to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour." "That crisis is greater than any theological crisis we might face."

Concerning the current theological debates in the convention, Draper shared that the question he is most often asked is: Are there really differences among Southern Baptists or is it just a power struggle?

"Folks," Draper emphasized, "I want to tell you there are tremendous differences among Southern Baptists. The one thing that we have been able to ascertain in all the meetings we've had with the various educational, pastoral and lay leaders of our convention is that there are tremendous differences in our Convention."

"We are a diverse group and that diversity has not been truly recognized in every area," he continued. "It's only recognized

in pockets. We're in the throes of the pressure of trying to get the pockets together."

The convention is also facing a crisis of conviction, according to Draper.

"There needs to be a conviction about our message," he said, "I don't care whether you see the word inerrancy or whether you use the word infallible or inspired or whatever word you use about the Bible. I don't care what you call it, we just need to have a message that says men are lost, they need to be saved and we need to introduce them to Jesus—that's the task of the church."

The convention also faces crises of contact and commitment, Draper pointed out, charging that Southern Baptists have "spectatoritis."

"I've come to the place where I've tried to decide in my own ministry whether I want to build an audience or an army," Draper said. "I've discovered that most people are audiences. We gather people in our churches who agree with our viewpoints, people who like to interpret the scripture like we do and we've got great audiences. We've got spectatoritis. We are not committed to what God wants us to do. I believe God wants to build an army, not an audience."

Draper called for Southern Baptists to learn how to contact people around them.

"We're the best trained, best equipped, most inept generation that has ever lived," he said. "It is a rare church that can get anybody to visit. It's a rare church that builds much of an attendance for outreach activities. We just don't know much about contact."

"We need to once again become people with one-track hearts, one-track minds, loving the lost, reaching the world with the gospel," Draper concluded. "That's the real crisis we face as Southern Baptists."

(Davis is marketing services director for the Brotherhood Commission.)



Perry



Holmes

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Mrs. Perry is the former Jessie M. Nolen, also a Florida native, who attended Carey and taught adult nutrition at Auburn University. She and her husband have a daughter.

Charles and Verna Lois Holmes were upgraded from missionary associate to missionary status at the Rescue Mission in New Orleans he has

been since 1974. He began as a counselor there, was appointed by the HMB in 1975, and now is associate director/chaplain there.

Both are natives of Columbia, Miss., and he is a graduate of William Carey College and earned the master of divinity and doctor of ministry from New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, the former Verna Lois Broom, have two sons.

## Right of sanctuary violated, says Dunn

DALLAS (BP)—Authorities who pulled worshippers out of Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Neb., and padlocked the church, violated the ancient right of sanctuary, according to James Dunn.

"It is devastating that a church can be padlocked and people, whatever the nature of their protest, can be dragged out of a church while in prayer," said Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington.

A five-year-old dispute between Louisville authorities and the church came to a head Oct. 18, when Sheriff Fred Tesch and his deputies went to the church and arrested Everett Silven, who was conducting a singing session with children. The dispute focuses on the pastor's refusal to use

state-certified teachers in his church-related school.

"There is more involved here than religious liberty," Dunn said. "We are dealing with the right of assembly, the right of redress for grievances and the freedom of speech."

"There is a clear distinction that can be made between the laws that relate to certification of teachers and the padlocking of a church and pulling people out while they are worshipping. It is, if not technically and legally, at least emotionally and ethically, a violation of the ancient right of sanctuary."

Silven, a fundamentalist preacher of the independent Baptist congregation in Louisville, was given a four-month contempt of court sentence for refusing to close his non-accredited Faith Christian School. He was released from jail Oct. 23 after promising to close the school temporarily.

More than 350 supporters from around the nation wept and cheered when Silven returned to the church. One said the pastor promised a "moratorium" on the school until the Nebraska Legislature meets next month in an emergency session.

Several times during the five-year-old dispute, Silven has promised to close the school, only to reopen it later.

Dunn, whose agency is composed of nine Baptist bodies, including the Southern Baptist Convention, said he is not familiar with the background of the Faith Baptist dispute, but claimed it is beside the point when addressing the violation of rights.

"When an overreaction of this severity occurs, a line has been crossed," he said. "Whatever we believe about accreditation or non-accreditation, people of good will everywhere ought to respond negatively to a situation where the right of sanctuary has been violated."

(Parmley is religious editor of the Dallas Morning News.)

## Moak chairs campaign

Paul Moak, Sr. has been named campaign chairman of the Partnership Campaign For New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary which is being held in Jackson. A goal of \$300,000 was announced by Landrum Leavell, seminary president.

Others involved in the campaign are Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, who serves as honorary co-chairman for Mississippi; and T. M. Hederman Jr., who is honorary co-chairman for Jackson.

Woodrow Bailey, Julian C. Clark, and Howard McMillian Jr. served as division chairmen.

The campaign in Jackson is part of a larger campaign which was started several years ago and has already taken place in several other cities including Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans, La., and Wichita Falls, Tex. The goal is to provide funds for a student center and increased endowment. The Chester L. Quarles Chair of Missions, named in memory of the former executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is part of the endowment goal.

About two-thirds of the funds necessary to provide the student center will be provided by the Southern Baptist Convention, the source of most of the operating funds for the seminary, according to Leavell.

## capsules

### Seminarian writes

Simon Kistemaker of Jackson, Miss., has been appointed by Herman Baker of Baker Book House to author the remaining volumes in the well-known New Testament Commentary series started by William Hendriksen in 1954, which were left unfinished when Hendriksen died this January.

Kristemaker, is chairman of the New Testament department at Reformed Theological Seminary.

### Centers hiring

NASHVILLE—Glorieta and Ridgcrest Baptist Conference Centers are accepting applications for employment on the 1983 summer staffs.

Information may be obtained by writing to Summer Employment, Ridgcrest Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 128, Ridgcrest, N.C. 28770 or to Summer Employment, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 8-SP, Glorieta, N.M. 87535-0008.

### Hospital pointed out

MEMPHIS — Baptist Memorial Hospital is cited in the November 1982 issue of *Ladies Home Journal* as one of the 13 best hospitals in the South.

Charles Seabrook, medical writer for the *Atlanta Journal* who prepared the article for Southern readers, said he developed the list after talking with leading physicians, hospital administrators, state hospital associations, medical school faculty members, health educators and medical writers in the South.

### Bullet grazes

OLINDA, Brazil (AP)—A stray bullet grazed the shoulder of Southern Baptist missionary Lou Demie Mein as her husband David, North Brazil Seminary president, conducted an outdoor worship service.

Mrs. Mein and 14 Brazilian Baptists were listening to David preach under the trees at a Baptist deacon's vacation home near Olinda when a shot was heard in the distance. She felt something hit her shoulder. Astounded, she watched a bullet drop into her lap.

Because the bullet tore through a tree branch before striking Mrs. Mein its impact was slowed so it only grazed her shoulder. The worshippers guessed it was a freak accident.

### Portugal fights

LISBON—The government of Portugal is moving to enforce its campaign against the heavy incidence of tobacco use and the mixture of alcohol and driving.

A law went into effect in late September permitting sobriety tests of automobile drivers. The new law will enable the authorities to crack down on the country's high rate of accidents attributed to the use of alcohol.

The first of the year will bring another law into effect which prohibits smoking in public places, including restaurants. It also will curtail advertising of tobacco products.

### MK injured

GWERU, Zimbabwe (BP)—Beth Elliff, 14-year-old daughter of missionaries Tom and Jeannie Elliff of Oklahoma, is hospitalized in Gweru, Zimbabwe, with multiple fractures of the pelvis and burns after an Oct. 21 automobile accident.

The girl, initially listed in critical condition by the hospital, is now doing well, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board representative Bud Fray reported Oct. 25, but may need skin grafts.

## Brazilian Baptists celebrate a century

SALVADOR, Brazil (BP)—In the city where it all started, Brazilian Baptists celebrated 100 years of work.

The Oct. 8-15 week of festivities—also the 64th meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Convention—included evangelistic services in an 80,000 seat soccer stadium, parades, marches, a record number of registered messengers and long looks to the past and future.

A century ago on Oct. 15, 1882, Southern Baptists' first missionaries to Brazil, William and Anne Bagby, organized Brazil's first indigenous Baptist church in Salvador with five members. Today that church is still going strong and more than 3,100 other Baptist congregations meet nationwide. Brazilian Baptists number some 550,000.

A strong sense of continuity prevailed as outgoing convention president, Joao Soren, pastor of First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro, presided at convention sessions. Soren's father, an early convert of the Bagbys, was the convention's first president. Two of the Bagby's children also were present: Albert Bagby, 79, of Alabama, and Helen Bagby Harrison, 82, of Texas, both retired missionaries.

A record 6,020 messengers registered for the convention and an average of 10,000 to 15,000 people attended sessions at the Fonte Nova Soccer Stadium and an adjacent gymnasium. The national Woman's Missionary Union convention, held Oct. 9 in Salvador, drew 2,200.

Messengers elected pastor and evangelist Nilson Fanini as convention president and reviewed goals set a decade ago to be completed before the Baptist centennial.

Baptists fell short of their goal of one million church members and 6,600

churches by 1982, but membership has increased five percent annually in recent years. High inflation and weak Brazilian currency have hampered home and foreign mission programs. Brazilian Baptist mission boards, however, now support some 350 home missionaries and 70 foreign missionaries in 13 countries, including the United States.

Baptist seminaries and theological institutes surpassed their goal of 3,000 students in 1978. Despite bad economic conditions, numerous state and national denominational agencies and boards have reached or soon will attain self-support.

Proposed plans for the remainder of the 1980's call for passing the 6,000-churches mark, starting 12,000 mission congregations and involving at least one percent of Brazil's population (now 128 million) in church membership.

More than 3,700 Texan volunteers participated in a four-year Mission to Brazil evangelistic campaign. The Texas-Brazil partnership, which winds up in October, has resulted in some 90,000 Brazilians committing their lives to Christ.

Currently 330 Southern Baptist missionaries work in Brazil, the largest number in any single country. Many now work under Brazilian Baptist leaders.

Just for the record

Wife: Which is more satisfied, a man with a million dollars or a man with six children?

Husband: A man with six children.

Wife: Can you prove it?

Husband: Yes, a man with a million dollars wants more.

## Upper Volta president...

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heart between the people of Tennessee and the people of Upper Volta. It is great to notice that neither distance nor the difference in color has prevented this.

Expressing appreciation for this spirit the president pledged his continuing support and said he expects the relationship to grow.

After the meeting in the president's office, an interview with Durham and Allen was videotaped and played over the Ouagadougou television station.

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## Baptists, Jews

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speaker at the dialogue, affirmed that Christianity has brought the revelation of God to areas of the world Jews could never have reached. He added that the value of a dialogue such as this is that it forces both sides to rethink their views and to work at restoring confidence in each other.

Thirty Jews and Baptists from 10 states and the District of Columbia were involved in the regional dialogue, sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board interfaith witness department and the inter-religious affairs department of A.D.L.

That charity which longs to publish itself, ceases to be charity.—Hutton.

A good laugh is sunshine in a house.—Thackeray

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## Southwestern alumni will meet Nov. 9

FORT WORTH, Texas — Alumni of Southwestern Seminary will hold a luncheon meeting Nov. 9 during the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

James Williams, professor of adult education at Southwestern, will attend the meeting at Jackson's Holiday Inn Downtown.

Billy Hudgens, of the state convention Sunday School department, is president of the Mississippi Southwestern alumni. Ronald Shearer, minister of education in Brookhaven, is vice president and Charles Belt, pastor at Forest, is secretary.

## Mid-America lunch

Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Luncheon, will be at the Sheraton Regency in the Pioneer Room at 12 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9. For reservations, phone Jackie Cook at 587-7653 in Sontag.

## MC breakfast

One highlight of the state Baptist convention each year is the complimentary continental breakfast, courtesy of the M.C. Alumni Association.

The breakfast this year will be held, 7:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m. at the Study Center South—First Baptist Church, 427 North State Street, Jackson, Tuesday, Nov. 9.

It will be sponsored by the Mississippi College Alumni Association.

It will help if we know you plan to come, so pick up your (free) tickets from a college representative," stated David Merritt ('57), pastor, Carriage Hills Church, Southaven.

## MBREA luncheon

Diane Evans, Miss Mississippi, will highlight the MBREA fall luncheon on Monday, Nov. 8 in the Sky Room of the Baptist Building. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with a fellowship time with lunch being served at noon. Miss Evans, a graduate of William Carey College, will entertain members after lunch.

All persons who work in the field of Religious Education are invited to participate in the activities of the MBREA. Reservations for the luncheon at \$6.50 per person can be made through Mr. Glen Shows, Box 72, Clinton, Miss., 39056.

## Missions directors plan breakfast

Members of the Mississippi Conference of Directors of Missions will get together for breakfast during the state convention, on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 7 a.m.

## Chaplains' banquet

The chaplains' banquet will be held in the Skyroom of the Baptist Building Nov. 8 at 5 p.m.

## BBI luncheon

Alumni of the Baptist Bible Institute will have a luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 12:30 p.m., at Bonanza Steak House on Highway 80 West in Jackson. Speaker will be Joe Wood, director of promotion and public relations for the Institute. Participants will order from the menu. Contact E. Leslie Hicks, Box 276, Morgan City, Miss., 38946, phone 254-7701.

## Carey breakfast

The William Carey College Alumni Breakfast will be held Nov. 9 during the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Alumni will meet at 7:45 a.m. at the Quality Inn (225 E. Capitol Street).

## N.O. breakfast

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary luncheon will be Tuesday, Nov. 9, 12:15 p.m. at the Downtown Holiday Inn, Delta III Room. All alumni are asked to purchase tickets in advance. They may do so by requesting your tickets from Ken Anderson, Box 178, Saltillo, Miss., 38866. The tickets are \$6.50 each. Landrum P. Leavell, II will be the speaker.

## Southern Seminary to host reunion during convention

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Alumni and friends of Southern Seminary will gather for their fall reunion November tenth during the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The reunion will be at noon at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Featured speaker will be Raymond Bailey, associate professor of communications and adjunct professor of preaching at Southern Seminary.

Tickets and further information may be obtained from C. Glenn Sullivan, Oakhurst Baptist Church, 828 W. 2nd St., Clarksdale, Miss., 38614.



## A prime time for television

About 200 Mississippi Baptists participated in a nationwide experiment to test the impact of leadership training via satellite. Shown is the group at the Holiday Inn, North in Jackson watching the special program which concerned reaching adults for Sunday School. Other sites in Mississippi were Natchez, Hattiesburg, and Laurel. Grady Cothen, Sunday School Board president, said during the live program that in the past, Southern Baptists "have been limited by man's inability to be in more than one place at a time." With Baptist TelNet, the Board's new network, those days are over. Each church may purchase a receiving dish and tune into Sunday School Board beamed training programs for a subscription fee, based, it is estimated, on church size. Costs will be announced early next year.

## Baptists will meet

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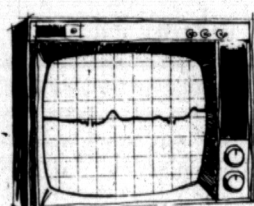
In addition to a number of lay persons and ministers leading in prayer and Bible readings, each session will include a Christian testimony. They include David Michel, missionary to Argentina; L. J. Yates of First Church, Hazlehurst; Tom Hudson, pastor of Oak Forest, Jackson; Toshiko Pigford, of Wade Church, Pascagoula; James Kitchens, of First Church, Crystal Springs; and Larry Goff, of Friendship Church, Ellisville.

Special music will be offered during each session including the choirs of First Church, Yazoo City; First Church, Gulfport; and Clarke College. The Joyful Sounds of Broadmoor Church, Jackson; the Crystal Belles of

First Church, Crystal Springs, and the Gore Sisters of Clinton are special ensembles presenting songs. And the Mississippi Singing Churchmen and their handbells group will offer music. Others making musical presentations include Graham Smith of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton; Cherry Dunn of First Church, Columbus; and Steve Huey of First Church, Brookhaven.

Instrumentalists for the convention will be Becky Payne, organist, and Eva Hart, pianist, both staffers at First Church, Jackson.

Convention sessions begin at 1:20 p.m., Nov. 8, and conclude at 11:45 a.m., Nov. 10.



## Biloxi Three

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finally accepted Christ as her Savior, there on the beach in Rio.

"Now see God's hand in this. Rio has over 10 million people. Yet here was this one lady on that particular beach (there are several separate and very large beaches there) at that time. Here is a group from our team walking on the right beach at the right time. There is an interpreter with them, for no particular reason, and Steve, whose daughter has had cancer, is in the group. Everyone is there at that moment and time, not by chance, but by Divine Appointment. Isn't it beautiful to see God work?"

## Regional instrumental workshop held at Carey

No longer should instrumental music be confined to school classrooms and march bands. Now the churches are having the privilege of instrumental music to enhance services and provide additional ways of expressing worship. According to Dan Hall of the Church Music department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, this is not a new idea, but an old idea being revised. The Old Testament has many descriptions of instrumental music being used in worship and praise to God, he said.

Hall spoke at a regional instrumental workshop, held Oct. 25-27 at William Carey College, which gave ministers of music and church instrumentalists the chance to meet with national and local experts in church instrumental music. The workshop was sponsored jointly by the Church Music departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board and by the Baptist conventions of Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

The three-day workshop included special interest conferences on understanding the instruments, arranging music, developing instrumental programs, and using instruments in worship. Carey music professors and other professors from regional Baptist colleges and churches conducted the sessions.

Hall said that Carey was selected for the conference because of its reputation for cooperation and willingness to "roll out the red carpet."

Coordinator of the event, James Hayes, minister of music at First Baptist in Hattiesburg, said that his church has its own orchestra, which performs twice a month. In addition to instrumental presentations, the orchestra also accompanies the choir and congregational singing. Hayes said that instrumental music is coming to the forefront in churches and more music is being written for use by churches. Because this is a new emphasis, regional workshops are being held to help churches start and develop instrumental programs.

Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, the theme "Reaching

People Through Instrumental Music" has been chosen for 1982-83. The Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music department is promoting a three phase emphasis in instrumental music for the year.

## Preschool care to be available at Convention

Preschool care will be available for children, ages birth through five, at First Church, Jackson during the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Nov. 8-10.

The preschool departments are located on the street level off President Street. Signs point the way.

Hours will be listed in the daily bulletin to be distributed during the convention. The following are procedures to be followed:

1. Register, giving names of the child or children, the parent, and the church.
2. Be sure all belongings are labeled.
3. For infants, leave a time schedule for feeding.
4. Leave the children no earlier than 20 minutes before the beginning of a session and pick them up no later than 15 minutes after the close of the sessions.
5. Children may stay through the noon meal if parents provide food — baby food or snack lunch. The preschool teachers will serve the children the noon meal only. All children must be picked up for the supper meal.

If there are any questions, call Wayne Coley, minister of preschool, 948-8780.

## Revival Dates

Wesson Church, (Copiah): Nov. 7-10; regular services, Sunday; Mon.-Wed. 7 a.m. and p.m.; Howard Aultman, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, music evangelist; K. Stringer, pastor.

Oakland Heights Church (Meridian): Nov. 7-12 Perry Neal, evangelist; Marion Elton, music director; Sunday serves, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., p.m.; Marcus Finch, pastor.

McDowell Road Church, Jackson, began Oct. 31 and closed Nov. 3; evangelist, James Hickman, pastor of Unity Church; Cayune, music director, Gary "S" Cornett, full-time music evangelist of Ripley; William A. Vail, pastor.

## Mississippi Baptist Activities

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| Nov. 7-13  | Royal Ambassador Emphasis Week (BRO & BC Emphasis)                              |
| Nov. 8     | Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Meeting Baptist Building, Jackson; 10 a.m. |
| Nov. 8-10  | Mississippi Baptist Convention, FBC, Jackson                                    |
| Nov. 14-17 | Foreign Mission Study, 1982 (WNU & SBC Emphasis)                                |

## Church planter does on-the-job training

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area finding a lot of people not being reached by any church. And the Union County group voted to lease a building to start a mission Sunday School. One lease attempt fell through and nothing else turned up all summer of 1981.

That fall a committee member saw a piece of property, applied to the Convention Board for aid in buying it, and

bought it.

More than 500 families are estimated to be in the adjacent area, with more building going on.

The first Sunday, Easter this year, the mission recorded 27 in Sunday School and 40 in worship. Cox filled the pulpit till Allen came in May following a recommendation from his former teacher at Blue Mountain College, James Travis. Allen, a graduate of BMC and Southwestern Seminary with a master of divinity degree, preached for the associational Pastors' Conference which hired him. He said he was ready to go bivocational to be pastor there when the HMB came through with the appointment and the salary supplement.

As Church Planter Apprentice, Allen will, in two years, either go on elsewhere to be a full-fledged church planter, or stay at Moss Hill.

The mission, whose mother church is First Baptist, New Albany, is running 40 in Sunday School and 50 in morning worship services.

Allen touches a lot of bases. Each month he plays guitar and tells Bible stories to the kids at a Headstart program in Myrtle. He is teaching a Masterlife course to five church members, and he leads Saturday afternoon visitation.

About 15 of the kids who come to Sunday School were reached through a mission Vacation Bible School this past summer. Allen and two women from First Church had about 45 in attendance with two out of three unchurched. Two Backyard Bible Clubs in nearby communities, led by Moss Hill and First Church people gathered another 45 kids.

Tom Sumrall First Church pastor and former missionary to Brazil recalls helping to start 20 churches in one day in Rio. He knows new work helps reach people. "A new work always attracts folks quicker than an established work would," he says.

His sentiments are echoed by Bobby and Charlotte Smith, who have been at the mission since it opened. "The people around here just won't go to the bigger churches," says Charlotte, who, along with their five kids was saved in a mission.

Says Bobby, "We need a whole lot more missions—because there are more people to reach."

Life is a grindstone, and whether it grinds a man down or polishes him up depends on the stuff he's made of. *Josh Billings*

When I think of those who have influenced my life the most, I think not of the great but of the good. *John Knox*

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# "She knows everything about every missionary"

By Erich Bridges  
RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Co-workers at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board used to tease Edna Frances (Efee) Dawkins, who retires in December after 35 years of service, about having "1,001 best friends." The joke is now an understatement.

"She knows everything about every missionary everywhere," says Bobbie Sorrell, education division director at Woman's Missionary Union. "If you mention a missionary name, she knows the life history."

Longtime Foreign Mission Board colleague Elmer West insists Efee "knows more information about more missionaries than any other person ever related to this board. She's a computer with compassion."

West has been Efee's boss twice, first in the missionary personnel selection department and now in the ministries and deputation department. There Efee nurtures the 2,900 strong Foreign Mission Fellowship, a contact network of retired and former missionaries and returned journeymen which she almost singlehandedly constructed over the last decade.

"People used to treat you like some sort of pariah if you resigned," said Rudolph Wood, former missionary to Luxembourg and Belgium, at a recent foreign mission fellowship get-together in Fredericksburg, Va. "But

Efee helped change that. In her own personality she's been the stimulus that brought about a different attitude."

The North Carolina native herself felt a call to missions in China as a young woman, breaking a marriage engagement in the mid-1940s to pursue it. But M. Theron Rankin, then foreign board executive secretary saw her talent for personnel work. She had earned a master's degree in personnel administration and worked as assistant dean of women at her undergraduate alma mater, Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. He invited her to join the board staff in 1947.

During the early '50s Efee, West, and two secretaries handled all correspondence, contacts and missionary applications related to missionary service. She continued her interest and knowledge of the missionaries up to now.

Retiree Lorene Tilford remembers the major operation she had in 1974 and the special trip Efee made to Atlanta to be with her. "We don't forget things like that," she says.

Helen Jean Parks, former missionary and wife of Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks, remembers the vacation time Efee took to care for the Parks children while their parents traveled.

In her book, *The Gifted Woman I Am*, Marjorie Rowden Kelly of Mississippi suggests Efee has used the

spiritual gift of friendship by developing "a capacity for sharing herself with others to the total abandonment of her own needs." That intensity occasionally results in exhaustion, but Efee has no regrets.

Now retirement approaches but not inactivity. She's a deacon at her church and active in a professional women's organization. Efee plans to write a book about her experiences, travel to China in the spring of 1983, and teach missions the following fall as a visiting professor at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. She even contemplates volunteer service overseas, perhaps as a mission station hostess, guiding visiting Southern Baptists and other volunteers.

A light shines in her eyes as she talks of the volunteer possibility. Fellowship with missionaries on the field, she says, is "the nearest thing to grace of anything I can describe."

Former missionary Paul Bell says: "I hope the Foreign Mission Board can hire 20 people to do what she has done."

(Bridges is an FMB newswriter.)

## Having been to Halifax helps in this witness

By Opal Carleton  
EL VERANO, Calif. (BP)—Until last April Al Karnes rebuffed everyone who talked to him about becoming a Christian.

But when Arch Martin, pastor of Craig Avenue Baptist Church in El Verano, was asked by a "kind, meek little lady" to talk with Karnes his instant reply was "Certainly I'll go."

Martin was told about Karnes' treatment of others who had tried to talk to him about Christianity and was warned "Be careful. You don't know what you're getting into. Karnes is rough with anyone who tries to talk about Christianity."

That week "with some reservations" Martin drove into the old seaman's yard, but when the pastor continued to talk to Mrs. Karnes, Karnes demanded, "Turn around and talk to me!"

"Do you know Harry Williams?" Karnes asked. Martin had known Williams, director of evangelism in the California state convention, during seminary days.

"He used to sit there in that chair across the room and tell me I was

R. Fred Selby Jr., pastor of First Church, Perry, Okla., has accepted the call of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, as pastor. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be Nov. 21. Selby is a native of Little Rock, Ark. He attended Baylor University and is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. Other pastorates have been Trinity Church, Malvern, Ark., pastor; Grace Church, Rayville, La., pastor; Calvary Church, Shreveport, La., associate pastor-youth; Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Okla., associate pastor-youth; and First Church, Pawhuska, Okla., pastor.

Corinth Baptist Church, Jasper County, has called Jerry East as youth minister. He transferred from Jones Junior College to University of Southern Mississippi, where he is a junior. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley East of Moss. Ed Holloman is pastor at Corinth.

Walter M. Simmons, his wife, Jewell, and their two sons, Joey and Ray, have moved into the parsonage at Philadelphia Church, Webster Association. He has been pastor since 1970 in the associations of Montgomery, Yalobusha, Panola, Tallahatchie, and Washington. Simmons was born in Webster County and Philadelphia is the first church he attended with his parents when he was a child.

Silver Creek Church, Pike County, has called Charles Williams as pastor. Williams and his family have moved from the pastorate of the Center Point Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas, where he had served since 1973. He received a B.A. degree from Mississippi College and M.Div. degree from Southwestern Seminary. Other Mississippi pastorates included Glading Baptist Church, Magnolia, and Union Baptist Church, Roxie.

Randy W. Turner has resigned as pastor of Pocahontas Baptist Church, Jackson. He has accepted a call to be pastor of West Fairburn Baptist Church, Fairburn, Ga. He had served at Pocahontas for three years.

Jimmy Craft, 31, of Gulfport is a new pastor of First Church, Tutwiler. A native of Memphis, Tenn., he is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary.

He is married to the former Jackie Cox of Gulfport. They have three daughters, Amy, Sarah and Laura.

David Hancock has accepted the call as minister of music and youth at Unity Baptist Church, Leakesville. He attended Indiana University where he received a B.M. degree, and is now attending Mobile College where he expects to receive a B.A. in church music. He is teaching cello in Saraland where he resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Hancock, professor of music at Mobile College. Danny L. Chaney is the pastor of Unity Church.

Hinds Madison Association has a new secretary, Georgia May. She was secretary for five years at McDowell Road Church, Jackson.

Oster Daniel has been called as interim pastor of the Walnut Grove Church in Leake Association.

## Wind Ensemble will perform at Morrison Heights

When the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Wind Ensemble performs November 7 at Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton, they will be under the direction of William Mac Davis.

An instructor in music theory and composition at Southwestern, Davis has been a member of the seminary faculty since 1979. In addition to his work with instrumental music ensembles, he teaches courses in theory and composition. He is a native of Mississippi, and a graduate of the University of Mississippi and the University of Utah. Prior to joining the Southwestern faculty, he was a member of the University of Utah faculty.

The ensemble will perform a new composition by Davis during the tour. The work was commissioned for the seminary's 75th anniversary celebration during 1982-83.

The performance will begin at 7 according to the pastor, Kermit D. McGregor, and Bill Barnes, minister of music.



RETIRING Foreign Mission Board staff member Edna Frances Dawkins (right) is embraced by a former missionary at a recent Foreign Mission Fellowship meeting in Fredericksburg, Va. After 35 years as a personnel secretary and as manager of the fellowship, "Efee" knows and loves thousands of missionaries and their families. (BP) PHOTO By Paul Brock

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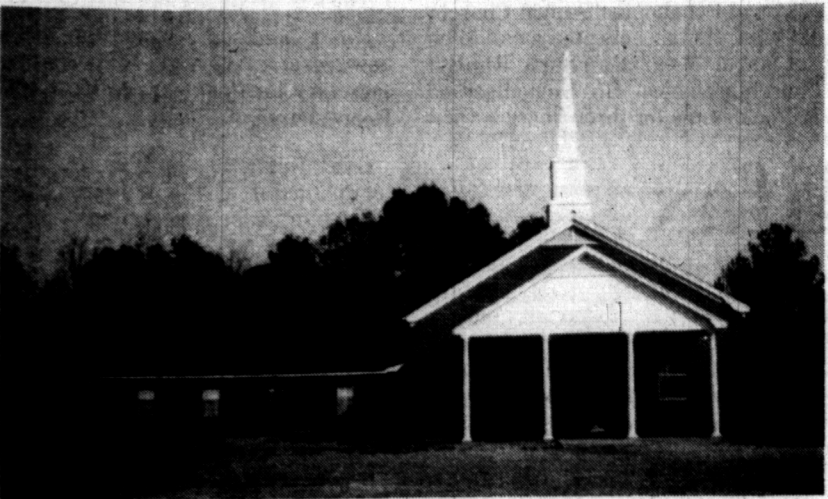
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# Just for the Record



Richmond Church, Lee County, recently held a note burning ceremony. The debt on the three bedroom brick parsonage was paid off in three years. Burning a copy of the note, from left are deacons Willie Schumpert, Graves Ruff, Glen Harris, Jr., Eugene McDaniel, and pastor Robert H. Rogers. Deacons not pictured are Billy Shumpert, Doug Bradley, and Potious Posey. Trustees are Larry Lindsey, Benny Williams and Glen Harris, Jr.



Sabougla Church in Calhoun Association will have building dedication services at 2 p.m. Nov. 7, at which time there will be a note-burning ceremony. The dedicatory message will be delivered by a former pastor, Dan B. Wright. Gary Roberts is pastor.



Calvary Baptist Church of Columbia, Oct. 10, officially observed having paid off a \$200,000 note made in 1972 to finance construction at the church. Taking part in the note burning in the morning worship hour were, from left, Lawrence Weatherford, Buford Ashley, Marvin Polk, Cowart Pope, Clarence Pierce, Carl Pierce, and Hollis Dunaway. Ken Jordan is pastor.

The Rainbow Connection was the theme of a G.A. recognition service Oct. 10 at Union Church in Covington Association. G.A.s who received badges were Rita Wilson, Heather Barrett, Michelle Rogers (awards bearer), Julie Folkes, Rachel Wilson, Carolee Harrell, Angie Craft, Pam Haynes, Kristi Craft, and Beverly Haynes. Kristi Craft completed all six missions adventure books and received all six badges and the Mission Adventures Pin. Pam Haynes, Kristi Craft, and Beverly Haynes were given the Acteen bracelet and Queenly Quest charms for being eligible for promotion to Acteens. Kathy Miller is G.A. director.

Deacon chairman, Quentin Worthly, reports that in addition to other improvements, a new steeple has been added to Philadelphia Church, in Webster Association.

We spend ten thousand dollars for a school bus so children won't have to walk. Then we spend one hundred thousands dollars for a gym so they can get some exercise.

Enthusiasm is knowledge on fire.

## Names In The News...

J. B. Watson, sociology professor at Mississippi College, has been named vice-president of the Northeast Louisiana University Baptist Student Union Alumni.

Deacon ordination service were held Sept. 26 at East McComb Church. The following were ordained: Carl Fuller, Tommy Wells, Ara Harvey. Participating in the service: Glen Williams, director of missions, Pike County; Jerry W. Smith, minister of youth and education; and James O. Bickham, minister of music.

James W. Everett, pastor of Benton Church, has been cited by the U.S. Jaycees as an outstanding young man of America on the basis of national development through a community service program.

Corinth Baptist Church, Jasper County, has awarded Sunday School perfect attendance pins to the following for one year: Brad Myrick; Marie Cotton, Clint Cotton, Thomas Cotton, Nancy Myrick, Joe Mapp, Hazel Mapp, Buster Walters, Corey Myrick, Pat Myrick, Tammy McCarty, Elma Mims, Glenwood Cotton, and for six

months: Debbie Cross, Digger Stauffer, Robin Chaney, Corey Steperson, James Hickson, Sandy Smith, Stephanie Cross, Brenda Hickson, Missy Mapp, Kelly Stauffer, Michelle Myrick, Robin McCarty, Madge Walters, Penny Hickson, Amy Hickson, T. C. Myrick, Auther Smith, and Bobby Waltman. Richard Gavin is Sunday School director. Edd Holloman is pastor.

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Paul says it is by grace through faith that the gift is received. God loved us while we were sinners and let his Son die for us. By the power of the risen Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have become a new creation, have been begotten of God, and now are God's heirs and joint-heirs with Jesus. We call this salvation, the new birth, the birth from above.

But not only was the gift a new beginning, it also had an assured ending. The child of God has been sealed by the Holy Spirit, which is God's guarantee that what God has begun he will complete. Paul could say, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God," and one day he would receive what he had committed unto God.

Between the beginning and the ending, the children of God are expected to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling while at the same time God is working in them "to will and to act according to his good purpose." In this process, the Christian can be grateful that God's "grace is sufficient," all conditions can be faced through Christ who gives strength, and that God will meet all needs "according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Every child of God, in the world but not of the world, has reason to thank God for the gift of eternal life, for the kept life, and for the abundant life in Christ Jesus.

### Devotional

## Thanksgiving for God's greatest gift

By Robert B. Barnes, faculty,  
New Orleans Seminary  
II Corinthians 9:16

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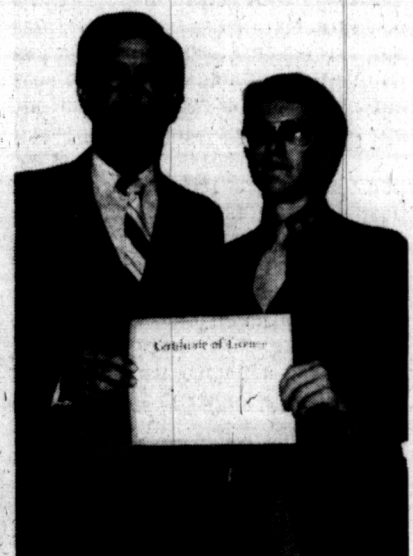
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### Homecomings

**Chunky Church:** homecoming Nov. 7; Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11 with Johnnie Lollar, former member, as speaker; covered dish dinner at 12; afternoon singing and special program at 1:30; regular night activities; music and singing under direction of T. R. Darsey; Curtis L. Guess, pastor.

**Sand Hill Baptist Church, Greene County,** will hold homecoming, Sunday, Nov. 7. George Breland of Jackson will bring the morning message. Dinner and fellowship will follow the morning message. A concert will be presented by the Searchers Quartet at 1:30 p.m. There will be no evening services. Bruce L. Worrell, Jr. is the pastor.

**Straight Bayou Church, near Anguilla:** 19th annual Harvest Day, Nov. 7; C. A. Johnson, a former pastor, now pastor at Oak Grove, La., to bring the morning message; Kenneth Turner, East Side Church, Belzoni, leading the music; Sunday School at 10; worship at 11; covered dish meal at 12:15; Praise Service and special music at 1:30 p.m.; no night service; Harvest Day Offering to be taken; James K. Burke, pastor.



### Youth licensed

Victor S. Chamberlain Jr. has been licensed to the gospel ministry by Morgantown Church, Natchez. In a special service for the occasion, the youth of the church served as lay worship leaders under the direction of Michael Carter, minister of music and youth. Chamberlain delivered the sermon. After the message, Talmadge E. Smith, pastor, gave the charge from the church, and presented Chamberlain a certificate of license. Chamberlain, 15, is a student at South Natchez High School.

### Bible Book

## Appeal for maturity

By Gene Henderson, pastor,  
Fairview, Columbus  
II Cor. 6:11-7:16

The heart of the Apostle Paul is revealed clearly in II Cor. 6:11-7:16. Rarely did Paul use direct address (cf. Gal. 3:1; Phil. 4:15) as in II Cor. 6:11. It was always indicative of intense personal interest. Paul interrupted his intimate appeal (6:11-13, 7:2-4) with an appeal for separation from evil associations (6:14-7:1). He concluded his appeal by expressing appreciation to the Corinthians for the comfort received through the report from Titus regarding their response to his leadership (7:5-16).

### I. Appeal for reciprocal love (6:11-13, 7:2-4)

In the exposition of his ministry (3:1-6:10) Paul had tried to make clear to the Corinthians the sincerity of his heart. He made himself transparent regarding his purpose and motives in ministry. Any barrier to total reconciliation between himself and the Corinthians must be in them for Paul put no restrictions on his love for them (6:11-12). He appealed, therefore, that they would reciprocate his love. After all, they were his spiritual children (6:13).

Apparently Paul's opponents had accused him of impure motives and conduct. Paul assured the Corinthians that these charges were false (7:2). Paul could not recall a single incident where he "treated anyone unjustly," or where he had "ruined" the morals or doctrine of anyone, or where he had acted in "any way dishonestly for gain." Paul loved the Corinthians to the point that he would live or die for them. He hoped they would reciprocate that love. He expressed confidence that they would (7:4).

Paul knew that reconciliation was possible only through genuine love and sincerity. He initiated the process by opening up himself to the Corinthians. He believed that love would evoke love. Perhaps, reconciliation would be possible for many today if Paul's pattern were emulated.

### II. Appeal for righteous giving (6:14-7:1)

Paul also appealed for the Corinthians to sever some unwholesome relationships. Perhaps their relationship with unbelievers was a hindrance to their relationship with Paul. Paul exhorted them not to be "unequally yoked" with those who were their spiritual opposites: rejectors of Christ, rebels against the rule of God, those living in darkness, and those under the dominion of Satan. Most often "unequally yoked" is

applied to marriage. However, it also could include business partnerships, social relationships, or any relationship that tempted a believer to compromise convictions. Christians are to be in the world but not of the world (Jn. 17:13-18). Christians are to permeate the world, not withdraw from it. However, greater care must be exercised not to establish any permanent relationship that would hinder Christian growth and practice.

The Christian has no more in common with unbelievers than the temple of God had with idols. No images, not even of God, were allowed in the temple. Believers therefore should separate themselves from union or partnerships with unbelievers (7:15-16). Just as Israel was commanded to leave behind every unclean thing in Babylon (Is. 52:11), the Christian is also to be separated. Such separation leads to a greater and closer union with God and with those in the family of God. Paul urged the Corinthians to eliminate from their total life everything and anything that would hinder their relationship with God (7:1).

### III. Appreciation for response to leadership (7:5-16)

When Paul left Ephesus and came to Macedonia he was greatly concerned about the church at Corinth, so much so that he was hampered in his ministry (cf. II Cor. 2:12-13). The news brought by Titus relieved the apostle. He rejoiced not only to see Titus but at the good report Titus brought regarding the desire of the Corinthians to see Paul again, the mourning because of the trouble they had caused Paul, and the zeal they had to support him and to repudiate his accusers (7:6-7).

Paul was relieved also to discover that his letter, which was direct, had been received well. Apparently after he wrote it he began to fear that the Corinthians would react to it. His purpose in the letter had been to lead the Corinthians to repentance (7:8-10). Paul knew that sometimes it was necessary to cause sorrow in order to help someone recognize the truth. His motive had been pure. His main interest had been to jolt the Corinthians so they would act according to the truth that was in them. Secondly, he defended himself and put the offender in his place (7:12). The Corinthians had responded and Paul hoped and even beyond. Their eagerness to support Paul proved their innocence (7:11).

The actions of the Corinthians toward Titus also validated their support of Paul (7:13-16). Paul had boasted to Titus regarding the Corin-

### Uniform

## Into the Promised Land

By Charles S. Davis, associate  
professor of Bible, MC  
Joshua 3-4

More than 600 years after God first promised the land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants, Joshua had begun making final preparations to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land! Having received a favorable report from the two men he had sent to spy out Jericho, Joshua moved his people from their encampment in Moab to the banks of the Jordan River. After forty years of wandering in the wilderness, hoping to enter Canaan at last, they found themselves facing an unexpected hazard.

So near the goal and yet so far! It was springtime and the Jordan was at flood stage. There were no bridges and no boats. They were in sight of their objective, yet they must wait three long days and make careful preparation for movement into the Promised Land.

### I. Movement under God's leadership (3:1-13)

Movement into the Promised Land was to be an advance under God. The symbol of God's presence, the ark of the covenant, was to go before the children of Israel. The ark was customarily located in the midst of their ranks. But when it was carried at the head of the procession of Israel, it signified that the Lord was leading the way (see Numbers 10:33, 35-36).

The advance was to be marked by three attitudes:

(1) Reverence—The Israelites were told to keep a distance of approximately 1,000 yards between the ark and themselves. Why? It is a warning against being too careless and casual in the holy presence of God.

(2) Caution—The people are warned to keep the ark in sight, "for you have not passed this way before." Without the leadership of God, they (nor we) would know where to go. Advance requires courage, but also caution. Paul said, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

(3) Faith—Joshua told the people: "Consecrate yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." We, like them, must live with a sense of wonder and expectant faith, for the hope of the world ultimately is

in the hands of those who believe in a God able to do the impossible and the incredible.

II. Miracle of God's grace (3:14-17)

Joshua and the priests and the people must have had some anxious hours as they stood before the flooded Jordan. In the dry season they might have waded across it with ease; but in the springtime the waters were deep and swollen. Yet man's extremity is always God's opportunity. The Lord of all the earth anticipated their need (3:13) and intervened in their behalf (3:16). The waters of the Jordan were cut off near the city of Adam (Adamah)—about 16 miles upstream from Jericho.

In whatever way the Lord stopped the flow of the Jordan, he performed a miracle of love and grace. Whether he worked within the laws of nature or by temporarily setting aside these laws, the Lord of creation used the forces of his creation to accomplish his purposes on his schedule. Immediately, the priests and all the people of Israel passed over the Jordan on a dry river bed!

### III. Memorial to God's providence (4:1-24)

After the people were safely across the Jordan, the Lord instructed Joshua concerning a monument to memorialize the miracle. God knows that people who never look to the past in gratitude will find that the future will not look back to them with appreciation. God led his people to erect a memorial to his providence in this mighty act of intervention.

Twelve men, representing the twelve tribes, were each to take a stone from the river's bed and set up a monument, not to human genius but to God's achievement. They obeyed Joshua's instructions and set up the memorial at their new campsite, called Gilgal (the name means "circle of stones").

Joshua on two occasions stressed the importance of the Gilgal monument for future generations (4:6-7, 21-24). When the sight of the stones of remembrance caused their children to ask, "What do these stones mean?", the fathers were to tell them how God had rolled back the Jordan for his people to enter Canaan even as he had rolled back the sea for them to escape from Egypt.

The Lord intended that his miracle at the Jordan should instill a deep and lasting reverence within his people. But his ultimate design was, through Israel, to reach and win all peoples of the earth (4:24). The same is true in all that he does for his people today.

### Life and Work

## Looking toward victory

By David McCubbin, associate  
pastor, First, Meridian  
I John 5

To overcome the world is to get the upperhand on sin and the temptation to wrongdoing. This means forgiveness of sin and a growing love for righteousness as opposed to unrighteousness. Jesus Christ, his death on the cross, and his resurrected presence is the only means to this kind of victory. To overcome the world is to rise above all the negative influences that make us ill at ease in the midst of God's creation and that cloud the truth that our very existence is an expression of his love for us. This victory is found too in the life and death of Jesus.

To overcome the world is to have life beyond the life that is here and now (heaven as opposed to hell). That is to say, we are not destroyed by death but rather are raised from it and the resulting existence is good. The assurance of this kind of victory is found only in Jesus.

I have suggested three ways that we might perceive the idea of overcoming the world. Each way is quite a different perception and yet they are really inseparable. It's a matter of looking at the victory God wills for believers from different angles.

The gnostic sects were causing havoc in the early church. Some Christians were being led astray. Many were being confused by gnostic teachings. They claimed to be in possession of and the keepers of a secret body of knowledge that put men in favor with the gods. They were the ones who were "in the know." Though Jesus was given a place in their scheme it was far from central and was incongruent with the truth as taught by Jesus and interpreted by the apostles.

John sought to counter this distortion of the gospel. Jesus Christ was central. To know him (abide in him) was to hold the key to all that God intended.

In chapter five, John sought to stimulate assurance and confidence in his believing readers by telling them that their knowledge was adequate. Victory was theirs, they had already overcome the world because they were trusting in Jesus (5:4-5).

5:1-3 John mentioned a number of things: belief that Jesus is the Christ, love of God, love of others, obeying God's commandments. He wrapped them all up in the same bundle—they are part and parcel of the same package. You can't really have one without the other.

Then he wrote, "By this we know that we love the children of God . . . The information that false teachers

possessed might be any kind of mumbo jumbo but that which believers possessed was truly significant. Through their faith relationship to Jesus had come the knowledge that they had a genuine love for others. Oh that today our commitment to Christ might cause us to choose the path of love—God's kind of love—according to his commandments. Though this path is not easy we can be certain of his help (v. 3).

5:13 "I write . . . that ye may know that you have eternal life." One of the forthright open teachings of Christianity is that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). To these Christians who were being enticed by false teachers John reminded them that in Jesus they had the promise of eternal life.

5:14-17 Faith in God's son, John told his readers, builds confidence in the area of prayer. Note the qualification and the result concerning prayer. The qualification is stated, "according to his will." If our prayer meets the qualification we can expect the result—"he will hear." This is another aspect of the knowledge that we have as Christians. We know that the avenue of prayer is open to us.

John dealt with intercessory prayer very briefly. The idea of mortal sin is introduced. There are a number of different explanations as to what is meant by mortal sin. It is probably the same as the unpardonable sin of Matt. 12. As I see it, we are not forbidden to pray for one who has sinned mortally, it's just a question of its effectiveness. 5:18-21 We know, we know, we know. The gnostics claim to know! John wanted his readers to know they had their own body of knowledge.

The believer does not lead a sin laden lifestyle. It's because Jesus, the one born of God, is his companion. Jesus keeps Satan from taking charge of the believer's life (v. 18).

One of John's contrasts is expressed again in verse 19. The world is in the power of the devil but believers are under the power of God.

In verse 20 John emphasized that the believer's knowledge had to do with the truth. Jesus Christ is truth. Idols are false.

Christians will be victorious. Through belief in Jesus they are in possession of truth. In obedience, they are living a life of love that will overcome.

Little boats should keep near shore.—Franklin.